

SENATE BILL 2342

By Dickerson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24;  
Title 39 and Title 40, relative to preservation of  
biological evidence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-321, is amended by adding  
the following language as a new subsection:

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(1) All biological evidence collected for a case that results in the  
defendant being sentenced to death shall be preserved until the defendant is  
executed or until the completion of the defendant's sentence.

(2) The intentional destruction of such evidence prior to the defendant's  
execution or other completion of sentence may result in appropriate relief or  
sanctions in the discretion of the court, including, but not limited to, criminal  
contempt for a knowing violation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.